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STRUCTURE OF THE MAY NWG MTG.

In order to use our time in Atlantic City more effectively, I would like to organize the meetings around discussions of advertised topics, with published status reports and position papers. I envision our time being divided into three phases.

Phase one is for status reports from each of the sites and for the introduction of new sites or agencies. Each existing site should plan to report on its state of software and hardware development, and on its use of the network. New sites will introduce themselves and present their plans for attachment to and use of the network. In addition, work on the ILLIAC IV, the List machine, and the terminal IMP will be reviewed. I will assume that each site needs 5-10 minutes unless I am notified otherwise. A short written status report is also expected.

Phase two is for discussion of current network-wide topics such as the NIC, the Form Machine Telnet, and Logger Protocol. Suggestions for these topics should be made to me. Committees should plan to prepare reports and discuss their work. Points of view not represented by existing committees should be explicated in position papers.

Phase three is consideration of new topics. Some of the topics I have in mind are what the long range goals of the NWG should be, what operational goals the NWG should set for the next six months, and neither the NWG should have more or less structure. Suggestions for new topics are particularly encouraged, and these are best opened up with an introductory position paper.

A major factor in the effectiveness of this meeting will be the written material available before the meeting. As far as possible, reports and position papers should be published in RFC form by 1 May 71.

The agenda will be composed from suggestions made to me; please call me at (213) 825-2368. I will publish an agenda and schedule of meetings about 1 May.